

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner for
09/750,515: Hieu Phan

Pacetti et al.

Serial No.: New—Divisional of
09/750,515Art Unit for
09/750,515: 3738

Filed: Herewith

Title: A Method of Forming A Diffusion Barrier Layer for Implantable Devices

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as indicated below. The amendments are fully supported by the written description. Also, no new matter has been introduced into the application.